

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A New Year.

do we greet thee, O blithe New Year?
 are the pledges of mirth and cheer?
 Knight-errant, the wrong to right?
 set to scatter our gloom with light?
 before the thrill, the sparkle and shine
 start and eyes at a word of thine?
 Old was buoyant, the Old was true:
 Out was brave when the Old was new.
 crowned us off with grace and gift:
 sternest skies had a deep blue rift.
 straight and swift, when his hand
 unclasped.
 th' welcoming and joyance thine we
 grasped.
 all us, Year—we are fain to know—
 at is thy charm that we hail thee so?
 hush the other clear, from the sol-
 emn sky.
 New Year beckons, and makes reply,
 ring you, friends, what the years
 have brought.
 ever men toiled, aspired or
 thought—
 for labor, and nights for rest:
 I bring you, love, a heaven-born
 guest:
 to work in, and work to do,
 faith in that which is pure and true,
 me in honor and greet me, dear,
 sooth you'll find me a Happy Year."
 —Margaret Sangster.

Dance of Monday German.

ever before in its splendid social his-
 tory has the holiday season been gayer
 Richmond, or fuller of entertainments
 the young and for those of mature
 years.
 rtainly, never even in the annals of
 famous Richmond German, with its
 rd of notable events extending over
 space of two-score years, has the
 city of the dance, given last night in
 some Temple, been often equaled. It
 has never been surpassed.
 The decorations of the ballroom, in
 accordance with the Christmas and New
 Year idea, lacked neither holly nor mis-
 tletoe. Palms and American Beauties in
 ballroom and dining-room served as fine
 backdrops to heighten the effect of the rich
 green of the gowns, and the sparkle
 of jewels worn.
 The music was charming, filled with
 the joyous rhythm and swing that ren-
 dered dancing a delight. Through many
 graceful and ingeniously devised figures
 the dancers were led by Colonel J. Lane
 term, whose lovely little partner, Miss
 Helen Dewitt Adams, a debutante-to-be
 two years hence, looked the very in-
 carnation of youth, gowned in white
 and described over white silk.
 Among others present was Mrs. James
 Brown Potter, of New York, exquisitely
 fitted in cloth of silver, with a diamond
 brooch in her hair and diamonds on her
 fingers.
 Mrs. E. T. D. Myers, in white lace and
 pearls.
 Mrs. J. Jordan Leake, in pink crepe.
 Mrs. Levin Joyner, in black lace.
 Mrs. Harry Frazier, in white silk, trim-
 med with lace.
 Mrs. Allen Potts, in white satin and
 black lace.
 Mrs. Thomas Bolling, in white Irish
 lace over satin, and diamonds.
 Mrs. E. O. McCabe, in white lace and
 satin; pearls.
 Mrs. W. H. Adams, in black chiffon
 and diamonds.
 Mrs. Belne Blair, in white princess
 gown.
 Mrs. Charles V. Carrington, in pink
 satin; diamonds.
 Mrs. John A. Coke, Jr., in pink caletum
 silk, trimmed with pearl passementerie
 and lace.
 Mrs. Stewart Hume, in white crepe de
 chine, embroidered with pink roses.
 Mrs. Eppa Hutton, Jr., in black velvet,
 with cut steel trimmings.
 Mrs. Egbert Leigh, in yellow satin point
 lace and diamonds.
 Miss Elsie Branch, in white lace; pearls.
 Mrs. James Scott Parrish, in blue
 chiffon, with hand embroidery in gold;
 pearls.
 Mrs. James T. Rutherford, in white
 embroidered net; pearls.
 Mrs. Ashton Stark, in yellow chiffon
 cloth, embroidered with pearls.
 Miss Nellie Hamilton, of Petersburg,
 Va., in white silk and lace.
 Miss Helen Christian, in blue satin.
 Miss Page A. Platt, in white mousseline,
 embroidered with orchids, over
 lavender satin. Miss Royall had orchids
 on her corsage, and carried a bouquet
 of white roses.
 Miss Caroline Gordon Reynolds, in white
 accordion-plaited net, with a hand-
 wrought berthe and panels.
 Miss Roberta Smith, in pink silk net,
 over tulle.
 Miss Julia Joyner, in white net, embroi-
 dered with silver.
 Miss Elsie Lindsay, in pink chiffon, bou-
 quet of pink roses.
 Miss Elizabeth Frazier, in white chiffon
 and lace.
 Miss Avis Grant, in pink accordion-plait-
 ed chiffon do with pink roses.
 Miss Nory Leary, in yellow silk, trim-
 med with iridescent passementerie.
 Among others present were: Mr. and
 Mrs. A. J. Battle, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mon-
 tgomery, Hon. and Mrs. Joseph E.
 Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Branch,
 Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Mayo and Mr. and
 Mrs. G. B. Wall; Messrs. Thomas Atkin-
 son, C. J. Anderson, J. R. J. Anderson,
 Archer Anderson, Jr., J. Linwood Antrim,
 C. B. Anderson, J. T. Anderson, C. M. Al-
 lard, Thomas Bolling, Jonathan Bryan,
 C. W. Branch, Charles Bruce, L. W.
 Brander, W. H. Blair, Thomas P. Bryan,
 Percy S. Basher, Joseph R. A. Bruce, A.
 rne Blair, A. S. Buford, Jr., P. St.
 rze Cooke, John Currie, D. M. Cur-
 rison, N. Carter, Charles Y. Car-
 on, Robert G. Cabell, John A. Coke,
 William Dewey Cooke, Beverly Fleet,
 Stewart Hume, Eppa Hutton, Jr.,
 Joyner, Otto G. Keane, E. G. Leigh,
 Jordan Leake, John P. Leary, E.
 caine, W. C. Noland, Allen Potts,
 ot Parrish, James T. Rutherford,
 M. Reid, Ashton Stark, and Or-
 Young.

The prettiest feature of the evening
 was the closing of the dance, when
 gentlemen and ladies stood in opposite
 lines, preparatory to leaving the ball-
 room for the supper table. Instead of a
 Christmas tree, a grab-bag held the sou-
 venirs of the evening, and these were
 given by four debutantes, two play-
 ing Santa Claus to the ladies and two
 to the gentlemen.
 The grab-bag held a Christmas assort-
 ment of henna, harps, accordions and
 harmoniums. When these were distrib-
 uted, all followed the leader to the dining-
 room, where, as the clock struck 12, a
 blast was blown that ushered in the New
 Year with a start and a bound. And
 then his health was drunk.

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Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your
 hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every
 day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof.
 Charles Ellet Norton.

No. 1039.

I Am Weary of the Garden.

By DR. JOHN W. HARRIS.

Dr. John W. Harris at the time of his death resided in Staunton, Va. He was a
 native of Augusta county. The date of this copy is November 15, 1879, approximate date
 of authorship.

I am weary of the garden,

Said the rose;

For the winter winds are sighing,

All my playmates 'round me dying,

And my leaves will soon be lying

Neath the snows.

But I hear my mistress coming,

Said the rose;

She will take me to her chamber,

Where the honeysuckles clamber,

And I'll bloom there all December,

'Spite the snows.

Sweeter fell her lily finger

Than the bee;

Ah! how feebly I resisted,

Smoothed my thorns and e'en assisted,

As, all blushing, I was twisted

Off my tree.

And she fixed me to her bosom

Like a star;

And I flashed there all the morning,

Jasmine, honeysuckle scorning,

Parasites, forever fawned,

That they are.

And when evening came she set me

In a vase,

All of rare and radiant metal,

And I felt her red lips settle

On my leaves, till each proud petal

Touched her face.

And I shone about her slumbers

Like a light;

And I said, instead of weeping

In the garden, vigil keeping

Here I'll watch my mistress sleeping

Every night.

And when morning, with its sunbeams,

Softly shone,

In the mirror which she braided

Her brown hair, I saw how faded

Old and colorless and faded

I had grown.

Not a drop of dew was on me,

Never one;

From my leaves no odors started,

All my perfume had departed;

I lay pale and broken-hearted

In the sun.

Still, I said, her smile is better

Than the rain;

Tho' my fragrance may forsake me,

To her bosom she will take me,

And with crimson kisses make me

Young again.

She took me—gazed a second—

Half a sigh—

Then, alas! can hearts so harden?

Without ever asking pardon,

Threw me back into the garden,

There to die.

How the jealous garden gloried

In my fall!

How the honeysuckles chide me,

How the sneering jasmine bide me,

Light the long gray grass that hid me

Like a pall!

There I lay beneath the window

In a swoon,

Till the earth-worm o'er me tralling

Woke me just at twilight's fading,

As the whippoorwill was walling

To the moon.

But I hear the storm winds stirring

In their lair;

And I know they soon will lift me

In their giant arms and sift me

Into ashes as they drift me

Through the air.

So I pray them, in their mercy,

Just to take

From my heart of hearts, or near it,

The last living leaf and bear it

To her feet, and bid her wear it

For my sake.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day.

at the Sans Souci Club last Thursday.
 In the home of Mrs. William Pace.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hickey and Mr. George
 Keene represented Richmond at the
 "poultice" given Tuesday evening in Mun-
 icipal Hall, Danville.

Miss Kaspar at the Club.
 One of the pleasantest musicales of the
 season was given yesterday afternoon at
 the Woman's Club by Miss Francesca
 Kaspar, who made such a fine impres-
 sion on Richmond people during her short
 visit last year.

Miss Kaspar, who made her debut in
 the Woman's Club in this city last year,
 after her return from Europe, more than
 delighted the critical and brilliant au-
 dience which gathered to hear her a
 second time. Her friends decided that
 her voice had greatly increased in vol-
 ume, and that her notes were clearer and
 sweeter than ever.

Misses Redford and Reinhardt proved
 most sympathetic accompanists, and came
 in for a full share of the congratulations
 accorded the artists and the chairman
 who arranged the musicale.

The program was as follows:
 1. Sonata II, Piano and Violin.....
 2. (a) Ariette from "La Belle Arsenoise".....
 (b) "My Mother Bids Me Bind My
 Hair".....Haydn
 (c) "Polly Willis".....Dr. Arno
 3. Violin Solo, "Humoresque".....Dvorak
 4. (a) "Der Neugierige".....Schubert
 (b) "Les Boreasques".....Faure
 (c) "Chant de l'Alpe".....Bamberger
 (d) "Symphonie de Sylvaire".....Bamberger
 5. Violin Solo, "Serenade".....Drdla
 6. (a) "Stolen Wings".....Willeby
 (b) "I Hid My Love".....D'Hardelet
 (c) "Under Blossoming Branches".....
 Violin Obligato.....A. D. Valpe
 (d) "Spring".....Henschel
 7. Aria, "Caro Nome" from "Rigo-
 letto".....Verdi

At the reception after the recital Mrs.
 W. J. Johnson served coffee and Mrs.
 John Nolting poured tea.

Guests of the evening were: Mr. and
 Mrs. Frederick Hays, Mrs. Katherine
 Miller Gunn, Mrs. Thomas B. Clarke, of
 Halifax county; Mrs. L. A. Gunter, Miss
 Minnie Derby, Miss Blanche Saunders, of
 Wytheville, Va.; Miss Powell, of Wash-
 ington; Mrs. Edwin Parker, of Philadel-
 phia.

Madame Guillaume will resume her
 French classes on Wednesday.
 Mrs. W. E. Thurston will meet those
 interested in forming a physical culture
 class on Friday morning at 11:30 o'clock.

Committee for Tea.
 Miss Nannie Jones, Mrs. Thomas Boll-
 ing and Mrs. Egbert G. Leigh constitute
 a committee on arrangements for the
 annual tea of the Association for the
 Preservation of the Virginia Antiquities to
 be given on Friday afternoon. These
 ladies will receive with Mrs. J. Taylor
 Ellison and the officers of the associa-
 tion.

House Party.
 Miss Alethea McGhee, of Hillsboro
 Street, Raleigh, N. C., is hostess this
 week at a delightful house party. Miss
 McGhee's guests include Mr. Leslie Reed
 and Mr. Pope Nash, of this city; Mr.
 Francis Cox, of the University of Vir-
 ginia; Mr. J. V. Lowe, of New York;
 Messrs. George Hall and Louis Smith,
 of Raleigh, and Misses Bessie Hinton, Kath-
 erine Boylan, of Fairfax county, and
 Donald and Rosa Skinner, all of Raleigh.

Christmas Dance.
 One of the pleasantest dances of the
 season was that given last evening at
 the Hermitage Golf Club, under the man-
 agement of Mr. Carrington Williams and
 Mr. William Miller, to whom much credit
 is due for the enjoyable evening.

The dance hall was prettily decorated
 with Christmas colors. Mesdames W. A.
 Williams, E. A. Robinson and John G.
 Miller chaperoned the young people.
 Among the dancers were Misses Fannie
 Braxton Miller, Lucy Ford Wortham,
 Eleanor Landry, Elsie Ingram, Mary
 Crump, Barbara Trigg, Mary Parrish,
 Josephine Ellett, Edith Taylor, Kath-
 erine Dayton, of New York; Mary Chal-
 mers, Bertie Hamilton, of Petersburg;
 Virginia Watkins, Messrs. Pichegru
 Woodfolk, David Grant, William Miller,
 Carrington Williams, Robert Walker,
 Talmage Donnan, John Wingo, Samuel
 Morgan, Corydon Sutton, Robert Jef-
 frey, Richard Saunders, Marshall For-
 syth, Charles Wortham, Jr., Carl Flea-
 ning, Rutherford Egan, William Jackson,
 William Frazier, Pickett Lathrop, Mar-
 well Wallace, Hughes Lindsey, Carl
 Walker, Charles Shields, Erskine Hazard,
 Jean Gunder, Richard Osterloh, Robert
 Forsyth, Jr., and others.

Will Return to New York.
 Mrs. James Brown Potter, who was
 one of the most beautiful and most ad-
 mired women at the dance of the Rich-
 mond German last night, will, at the
 end of her visit here, return with Mr.
 Potter to New York. About February
 Mr. and Mrs. Potter will go to Mexico,
 where Mrs. Potter likes to spend the
 spring, and where Mr. Potter has a large
 cotton plantation.

Will Sail for Cuba.
 Miss Elizabeth Brander, accompanied
 by Miss Edna C. Lee, of Fredericksburg,
 Va., will sail for Cuba about the middle
 of January. The young ladies go to visit
 their brothers, Mr. Brander and Mr.
 Smith Lee, who are stationed in Cuba,
 and are anticipating a delightful time.

History Class Postponed.
 The history class of the Woman's Club,
 scheduled to meet Wednesday afternoon,
 will not be held this week. The day and
 hour will be announced through the press
 later.

The subject for the postponed meeting
 will be "The Massacre of 1622," with Miss
 Helen G. Stockell as chairman.

Engagement Announced.
 Mrs. Frances J. Wickes announces the
 approaching marriage of her daughter,
 Eva Frances, to Mr. Charles O'Connell.
 The marriage will take place in the home
 of the bride's mother, No. 610 China Street,
 on January 15th.

Chapter to Meet.
 The Chesterfield Chapter, Daughters of
 the Confederacy, will hold its regular
 meeting on January 5th at 3 P. M. in
 the home of Mrs. J. M. Gregory.

Miss Gans at Home.
 Miss Nina Louise Gans will be at home
 to her friends on Thursday from 4 to
 6 and from 8 to 11, in the home of Miss Viola
 Bear, of Wilmington, N. C.

Stull—Aiken.
 A beautiful, though quiet, home wedding
 occurred at Clinton, S. C., December 27th,
 the daughter of the Rev. W. G.
 Neville, president of the Presbyterian Col-
 lege of South Carolina, Miss Nancy
 Aiken, the youngest child of the late
 Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken, of Abbeville, be-
 coming the bride of Mr. J. Walter Stull,
 of Lenoir, Va.

Since the death of her parents, Miss
 Aiken has made her home with an older
 sister, Mrs. S. R. Pritchard, at the Vir-
 ginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacks-
 burg, Va.

The occasion of her wedding was made
 a happy Christmas reunion for the mem-
 bers of this well-known South Carolina
 family.

Among the out-of-town visitors present
 were the Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Smart,
 Charlottesville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. G. W.
 Taylor and family, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs.
 David Aiken and daughter, of Greenwood;
 Hon. Wyatt Aiken and wife, Washington,
 D. C.; Professor S. R. Pritchard, wife
 and family, of Blacksburg, Va.; Mr. and
 Mrs. A. M. Aiken and wife, of Chester, S. C.; Mr.
 Joel Smith Aiken and wife, of Greenwood,
 and Dr. and Mrs. Hugh K. Aiken, of
 Laurens, S. C.

The following friends of the family from
 Clinton, S. C., in attendance were: Mr. and
 Mrs. Wm. B. Owens, Miss J. A. Bailey,
 Dr. W. S. Reed, Mrs. Susan Rullard

Mrs. A. V. Martin, Professor and Mrs.
 A. E. Spencer, Mrs. W. Miller McCallin,
 Mrs. H. L. Seale, Mrs. N. McDowell Ken-
 nedy and others.

The ceremony was performed at the en-
 trance to the parlors by the brothers-in-
 law of the bride, Drs. W. G. Neville and
 R. D. Smart, the bride's attendants being
 four nieces, Misses Tullie Neville, Fannie
 Aiken, Ella Smart and Virginia Taylor.

Proceeding then across the hall came
 pretty little Virginia Pritchard, the ring-
 bearer, and a younger niece of the bride.

After refreshments had been served the
 bride and groom left on the 6 P. M. Seaboard
 vestibule for a Northern tour. This over,
 they will be at home at Lenoir, Va.

Miss Aiken numbers her friends by the
 score, both in South Carolina, her old
 home, as well as in the neighboring States,
 and tokens of remembrance and esteem
 from all these made up a display of
 bridal presents of unusual variety and
 beauty that completely filled the library
 tables of this home.

Personal Mention.
 Miss Mabel Towers, who has been the
 guest of Captain and Mrs. W. Gordon
 McCabe, left yesterday for her home in
 Montana.

Misses Dora and Rose Bloom, accom-
 panied by their brother, Mr. A. Rosen-
 bloom, are registered at the Belvedere,
 Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Robert M. Stamper, of Alexandria,
 Va., formerly of this city, has gone to
 New York to spend the holidays.

Miss Rachel Scott, accompanied by her
 sister, Miss Helen Francis Scott, of
 Hampton, Va., is visiting their uncles,
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Francis, at No. 610 West Grace
 Street.

Miss Katherine McCallum Dayton, of
 New York, is visiting her aunt, Mrs.
 Theodore A. Page, at Argyle.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Brewster, who
 have been spending the holidays with
 Mrs. Brewster's mother, Mrs. R. S.
 Basher, have left for their home, in New
 York.

Miss Bessie Clark, of New Haven,
 Conn., who has been the guest of Mrs.
 Thomas Street, in Grove Avenue, left
 yesterday morning for Annapolis, Md.,
 where she will attend the New Year's
 hop. Miss Clark made many friends dur-
 ing her stay here, and much regret was
 felt at her early departure.

Miss Alice Walford is the guest of her
 friend, Miss Mary Jones, at "Breezy
 Point," Albemarle county.

Miss Nellie McLuer and Miss Helen
 Gray Watson, who are visiting friends
 in Norfolk, were guests at a dance given
 Friday evening by Miss Marjorie Bethel
 and Master Billy Bethel. They also at-
 tended a card party on Saturday evening,
 of which Misses Bessie and Susie How-
 ard were hostesses.

Mrs. John Antrim has returned to her
 home at Berkley, Norfolk, after a visit
 to her parents in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rice Smith paid a
 brief visit to friends in Norfolk on Sat-
 urday last.

Misses Marion Briggs and Louise Finch
 are the guests of Mrs. G. W. Briggs in
 Scottsville, Va.

Miss Marion C. Virmelson, of Norfolk,
 and Miss Eda Griffiths, of Brooklyn, N.
 Y., are spending a few days in Rich-
 mond.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hickey have been
 the holiday guests of Mr. Hickey's par-
 ents in Danville, Va.

Mr. J. A. Briggs and Mr. J. P. Ramos
 are spending the holidays at Scottsville,
 Va.

Mr. L. C. Jeffers has returned from
 a visit to relatives at Bristol, Va.

Miss Annie Newman is visiting her
 sister, Mrs. Morris, in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Walter George Newman, of New
 York, and family spent the holidays at
 their country home near Somerset, in
 Orange county, Va.

Miss Mary Hutchinson, of Etta Mills,
 King William county, is spending the
 holidays with Miss Emily Wade at No.
 116 East Cary Street.

Miss Louise Tunsal Grimes, a student
 at St. Edith's Academy, S. O. B., Prince
 William county, Va., is at home for the
 holidays. She will be the guest of Miss
 Eliza N. Fox in Ashland for a few days
 before returning to the academy on
 January 4th.

Little Miss Elizabeth Gibbon Carter is
 the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Edward
 Sterling Rose, for the holidays.

Miss Willie Jerdone, of Washington,
 D. C., is a guest of Mrs. Claude A. Swan-
 son, at the Executive Mansion.

BOY SCALDED.
 Five-Year-Old Son of Mr. Bass
 Painfully Hurt.
 John, the five-year-old child of Mr. and
 Mrs. William Bass, of Federal Street, was
 badly burned a few days ago by the
 overturning of a kettle of boiling water.
 In some places the child's body was
 literally cooked. He is in a critical con-
 dition.

TO SECURE SERVICES
 OF CIVIC ARCHITECT

Important Meeting of Improve-
 ment League to Be Held on
 Thursday Night.

A very important meeting of the Civic
 Improvement League will be held at the
 Jefferson Hotel, Thursday night, at 8
 o'clock.

A number of important matters are to
 be considered at this meeting, and it is
 desired that a large proportion of the
 membership be represented. Among many